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Family Fun Night

Join us for Family Fun Night at LDMS Friday, February 7th 6:00 pm-8:30pm (snow date March 6).

Escape the winter doldrums with the event your kids have been looking forward to all year! We'll have a 65 foot inflated Ultimate Obstacle Course, photo booth, cake walk, food, BINGO, glitter tattoos, games with prizes, silent auction and more. Admission is FREE, and tickets are \$1 each, 12 for \$10 or 25 for \$20. Most food and activities cost 1-2 tickets. Family Fun Night is open to everyone, so bring family and friends.

This is the PTA's largest fundraiser, so please help us make it as successful as it has been in the past. The money raised goes back to the teachers, classrooms and students to be used for field trips, programs, activities and supplies.

Parents of 8th graders:

On Thursday, January 30 from 6pm-8pm, Curriculum Information Night will be held at RCHS. Rising freshman and their parents will meet in the auditorium from 6:00 pm-6:45pm for an introduction to high school. Following the presentation, the teachers will have tables in the gym to share about their courses and expectations within the courses. Course Request forms will be due back to Ms. Leonard by Friday February 7.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe it, but we are half way through the school year. I hope you will take the time to relax and be with family and friends during the holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone on January 6th! Go Trojans!

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LDMS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

Attention 8th graders and their parents: On January 21st our 8th grade students will be traveling to Rockbridge County High School to tour the building and learn all about the curriculum. This will be a great opportunity for our students to find out what is offered and to make good decisions about courses they would like to take in 9th grade and beyond. The details of the excursion are still being worked out, so stay tuned. Soon after that, on a date still to be determined, you will be invited and encouraged to attend Curriculum Night where you, as the parent, will have the chance to learn about program offerings, graduation requirements, and much more. Details on this event will be forthcoming.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Winter Social a success! We know the students really enjoyed the treats and celebration before winter break, and it was only possible because of your support and the amazing work of the faculty and staff. Thank you!

Mark your calendars for Family Fun Night on **Friday**, **February 7**, **6:00 – 8:30 pm** at LDMS. This event is a LDMS favorite! If you have items or a business that would like to participate in our Silent Auction, please contact Ann Courtney at ann@courtneycollinsstudio.com. Watch your email for more details and volunteer opportunities later this month.

LDMS Goes Green!

Have you heard about microplastic? Microplastics are tiny particles with a size of less than 5mm and are not one specific kind of plastic.

Much of the microplastic in our environment comes from erosion of car tires and brakes, as well as the soles of our shoes. During the washing of synthetic clothing small micro fibers enter our water system. Because they are so small, water purification plants are not able to filter out these tiny plastic particles, which make their way into our rivers and oceans. We ingest microplastic everyday through our water, air, meat, and food packaged in plastic.

There are a few ways to try to limit your ingestion of microplastics. The first is to drink tap water. While microplastics have been found in municipal water supplies, the amount of micro plastics in bottled water is double the amount found in tap water. (As an added bonus, no more plastic water bottles to throw away!) Second, don't heat food in plastic containers. Heated plastic is known to leach chemicals into the food it's holding. You could also try to eat more fresh food and limit all single-use plastic.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 8:30 in the Conference Room. We'll be discussing Family Fun Night. Please join us!

As always, please feel free to contact any PTA Board member with questions. Thank you for your support!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

23 December-3 January: Winter Break

7 January: Baskebtall @ Kate Collins, 5:00 p.m.

9 January: Basketball Vs. Maury River @ RCHS, 5:30

10 January: Dance, Sponsored by Boys Basketball , 6:00-8:00 p.m.

11 January: Chess Team Tournament @ LDMS, 10:00 a.m.

13 January: Report cards sent home

15 January: Basketball Vs. PMMS @ RCHS, 5:30 p.m. 17 January: Cheerleading Tournament @ LDMS, 6:00 p.m.

18 January: Basketball Tournament @ MRMS

20 January: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School

21 January: 8th Grade visit to RCHS 29 January: Lockdown Drill @ 10:15

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